THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



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Importance of Early Positive Influences

Harvard University Director, Jack P Shonkoff, M.D., for the Center on the Developing Child, lauds that 21st Century Science, on a molecular level, indicates that all brain function is the direct result of an interaction between genetics and environmental influences.





A child's first teacher



In the home environment, parents are their child's first and most important teachers. With each interaction, parents have the opportunity to support their child's development.

Resources and support can benefit families

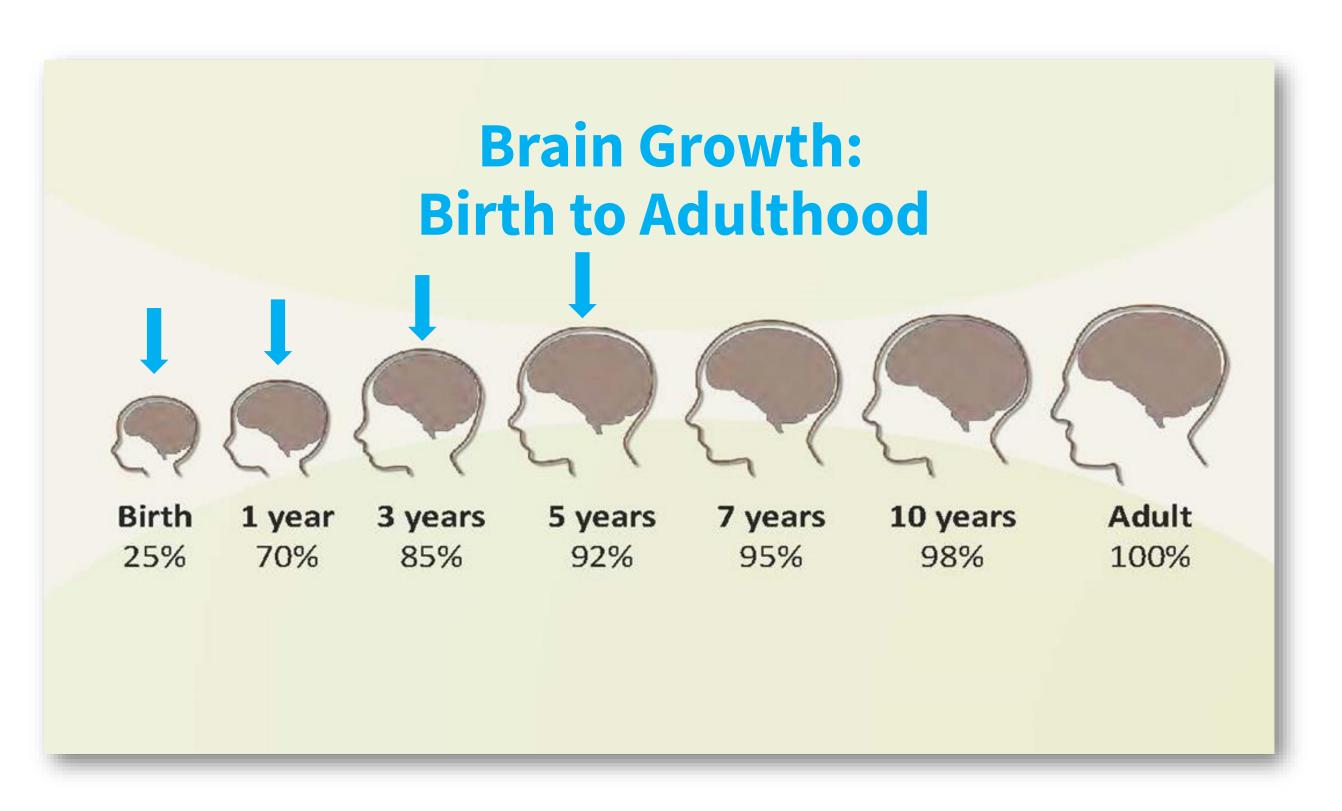
When paired with appropriate resources, information, and support surrounding their child's growth, parents, empowered with strategies and tools, can build stronger families.



The Importance of Supporting Families in Home Visiting



The foundations of brain architecture are established early in life.



Patricia Kuhl, Ph.D. Co-Director, Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences and Director, NSF Science of Learning Center, University of Washington, Seattle



First Teacher: Alabama's Home Visiting Program



Alabama's designated lead agency

An introduction to First Teacher

for home visiting, aligning it with

the department's other early

childhood system initiatives.





First Teacher: Alabama's Home Visiting Program

Office of Early Learning and Family Support

DECE's Office of Early Learning and Family Support provides grant funding for voluntary home visiting programs that focus on school readiness, family and child health, and families in need of resources in

their communities.





First Teacher: Alabama's Home Visiting Program



Office of Early Learning Supports Quality

All DECE-funded programs use an evidence-based home visiting model that matches families with trained professionals to provide information and support, making the home the primary setting for

service delivery.

Alabama First Teacher Home Visiting Models



Parents as Teachers (PAT)

The Parents as Teachers (PAT) model: Promotes optimal early development, learning, and health of children by supporting and engaging their parents and caregivers; focuses on pregnant women and parents of children from birth to 5 years old.

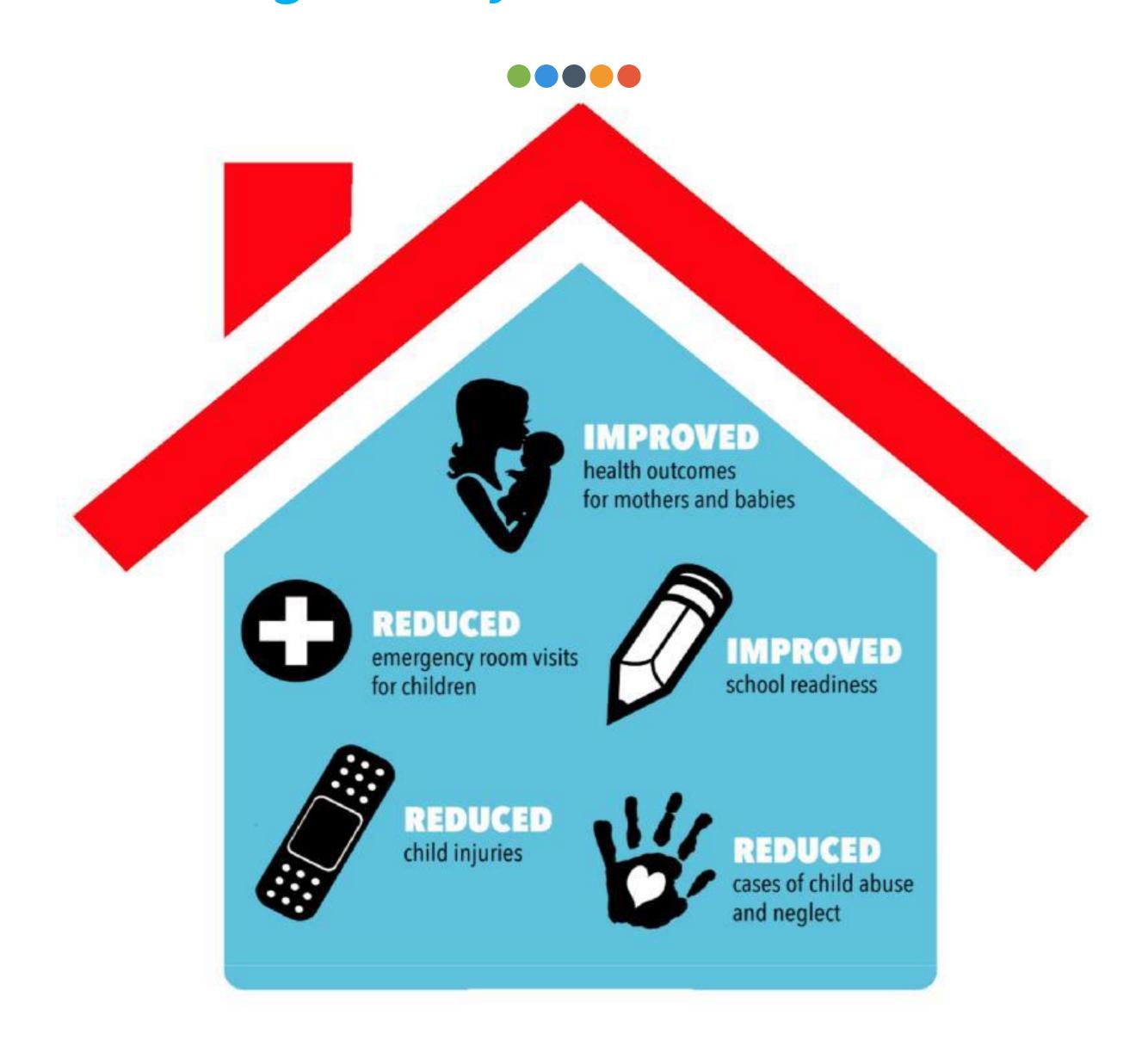
HIPPY

(Home Instruction for Parents with Preschool Youngsters)

The HIPPY model: Peer parent educators partner with parents to prepare children for success in school, particularly those most at risk because of poverty, limited education and English proficiency; focuses on children ages 3-5 years old.

Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) The Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP) model: Nurses support first-time, low income pregnant women from pregnancy till the child reaches age 2. Effort is made to support healthy pregnancies, increase the parent's child knowledge and improve economic self-sufficiency.

DECE Office of Early Learning and Family Support What Home Visiting Delivery Services Can Mean for the Family

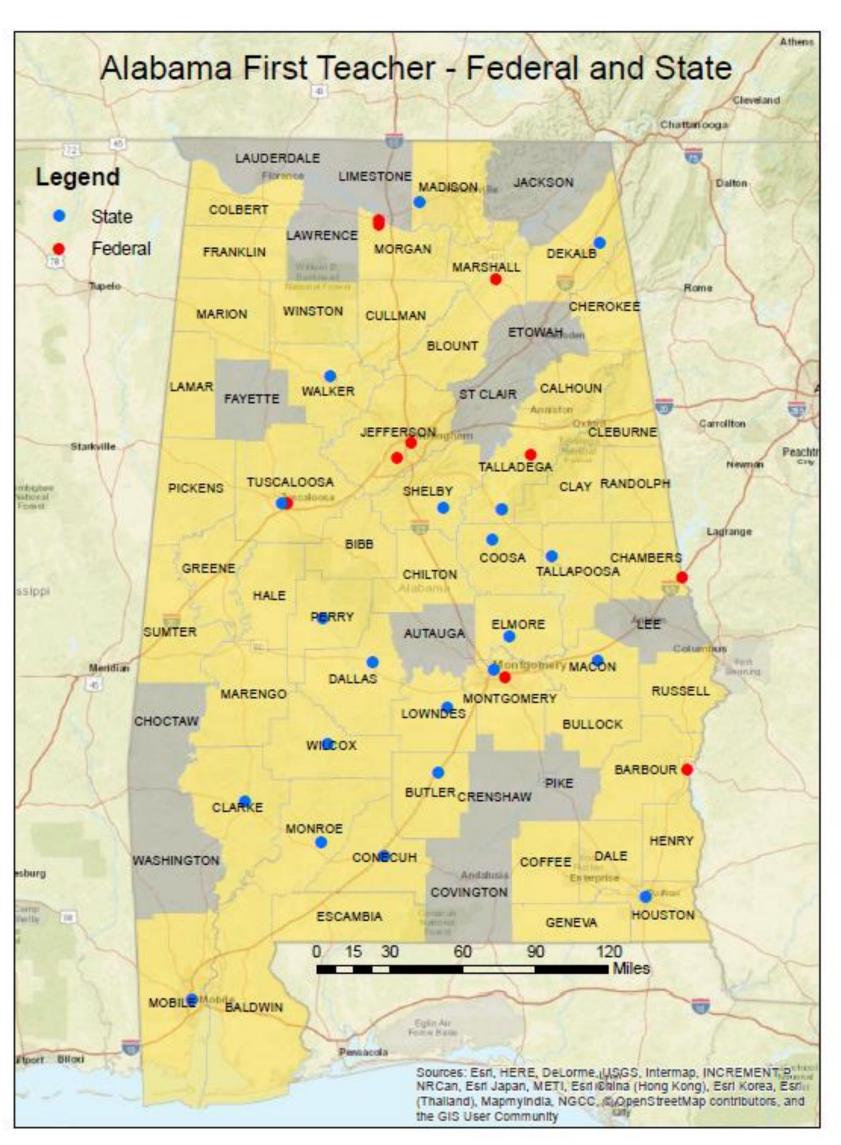


DECE Office of Early Learning and Family Support Alabama First Teacher Home Visiting

2015-2016 Home Visiting Program Availability

- 1. Baldwin (State)
- 2. Barbour (Federal)
- 3. Bibb (Federal)
- 4. Blount (Federal)
- 5. Bullock (Federal)
- 6. Butler (Federal/State)
- 7. Calhoun (Federal)
- 8. Chambers (Federal)
- 9. Cherokee (Federal)
- 10. Chilton (Federal)
- 11. Clarke (State)
- 12. Clay (Federal)
- 13. Cleburne (Federal)
- 14. Colbert (Federal)
- 15. Conecuh (State)
- 16. Coosa (Federal/State)
- 17. Cullman (Federal)
- 18. Dallas (Federal/State)
- 19. DeKalb (Federal/State)
- 20. Elmore (State)
- 21. Escambia (State)
- 22. Franklin (Federal)
- 23. Greene (Federal)
- 24. Hale (Federal)
- 25. Houston (State)

- 26. Jefferson (Federal)
- 27. Lamar (Federal)
- 28. Lowndes (Federal/State)
- 29. Macon (Federal/State)
- 30. Madison (State)
- 31. Marengo (Federal)
- 32. Marion (Federal)
- 33. Marshall (Federal)
- 34. Mobile (Federal/State)
- 35. Monroe (Federal/State)
- 36. Montgomery (Federal/State)
- 37. Morgan (Federal)
- 38. Perry (Federal/State)
- 39. Pickens (Federal)
- 40. Randolph (Federal)
- 41. Russell (Federal)
- 42. Shelby (Federal/State)
- 43. Sumter (Federal)
- 44. Talladega (Federal/State)
- 45. Tallapoosa (Federal/State)
- 46. Tuscaloosa (Federal/State)
- 47. Walker (Federal/State)
- 48. Wilcox (Federal/State)
- 49. Winston (Federal)



DECE Office of Early Learning and Family Support 2015-2016 Home Visiting Access



OEL 2017 HV

■ Counties without DECE HV

■ Counties with DECE HV

Alabama Counties without **DECE Home Visiting** Services 20.90% Alabama **Counties with DECE Home Visiting** Services...

A \$3 million incremental increase in state funds would allow DECE to add programs to initiate home visiting services for families in the counties that are currently unserved and underserved.

Alabama First Teacher Home Visiting Competencies



Child Growth and Development

Health, Safety and Nutrition

Learning Experiences and Enrichment



Diversity and Cultural Awareness

Observation and Assessment

Children, Families, and Communities Interactions

Personal and Professional Development

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First Teacher Home Visiting Fiscal Appropriation



2015-2016

Total Federal and State	Number of	Number of
Funds invested in	Children served in First	Families served in First
Statewide Home	Teacher Home Visiting	Teacher Home Visiting
Visiting Programs	Sites	Sites
\$8,030,307	4,685	3,870

Average Cost Per Child

\$1,714

First Teacher Home Visiting Family Focused Delivery System

The First Teacher Home
Visiting Program seeks to
provide all families a
foundation for future
success through support,
strategies, and relevant
community resources.

Total Number of Home Visits Completed Statewide

54, 440 Home Visits



First Teacher Home Visiting Program

Grant Process: State



ETF budget is allocated to
Department of Early
Childhood Education (DECE)
for First Teacher HV Program



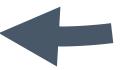
Grants are awarded on a 1 year cycle. Each organization re-applies every year. As new funds are available for expansion, new applications are announced

DECE announces request for proposals for HV sites utilizing evidence-based HV models (i.e., PAT, HIPPY, NFP)





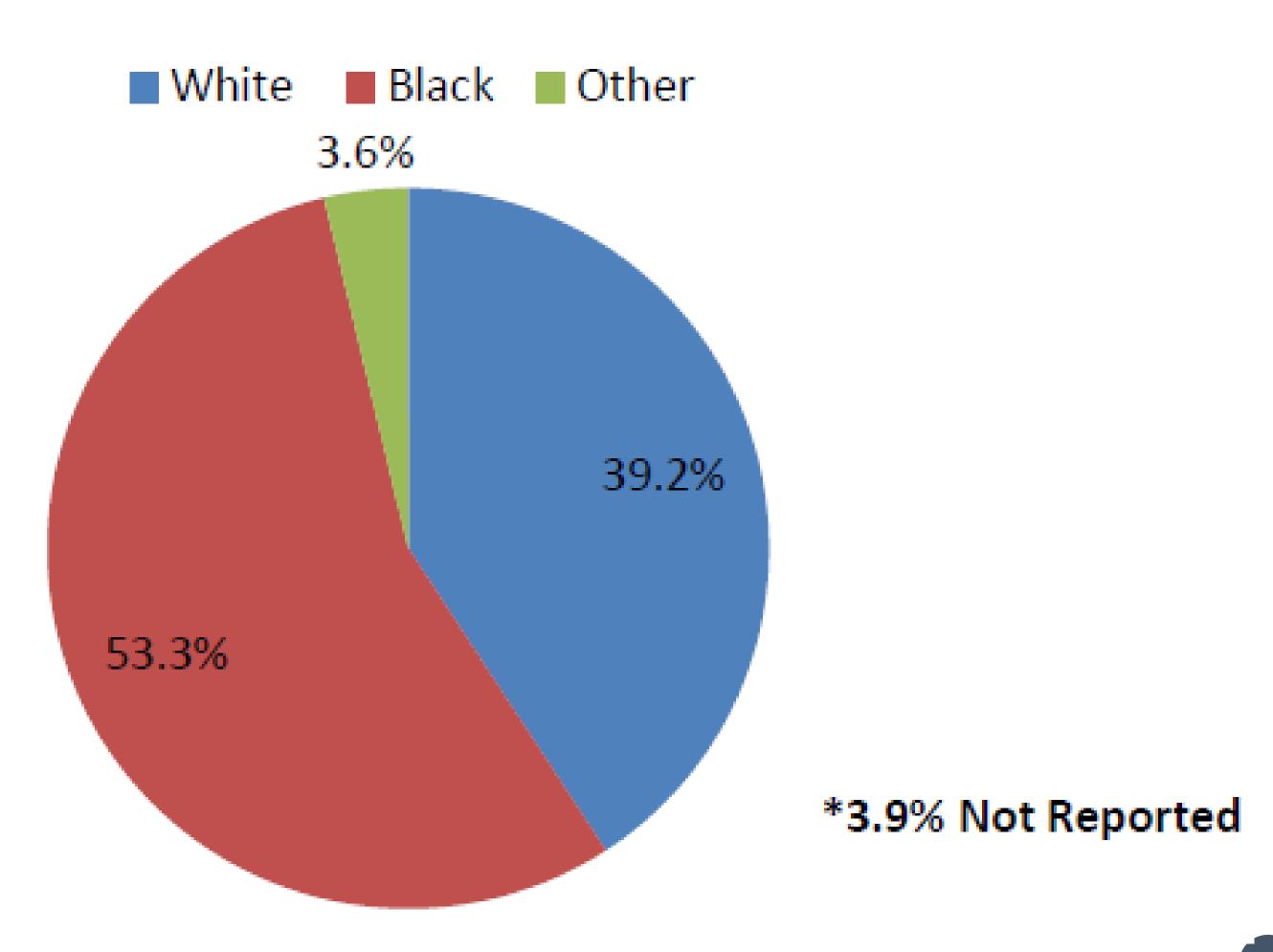
All applications are read and scored by outside readers with specialized knowledge in early childhood education, early childhood development, and family support



Interested organizations (Schools, Childcare, and Family Support Centers) submit applications online

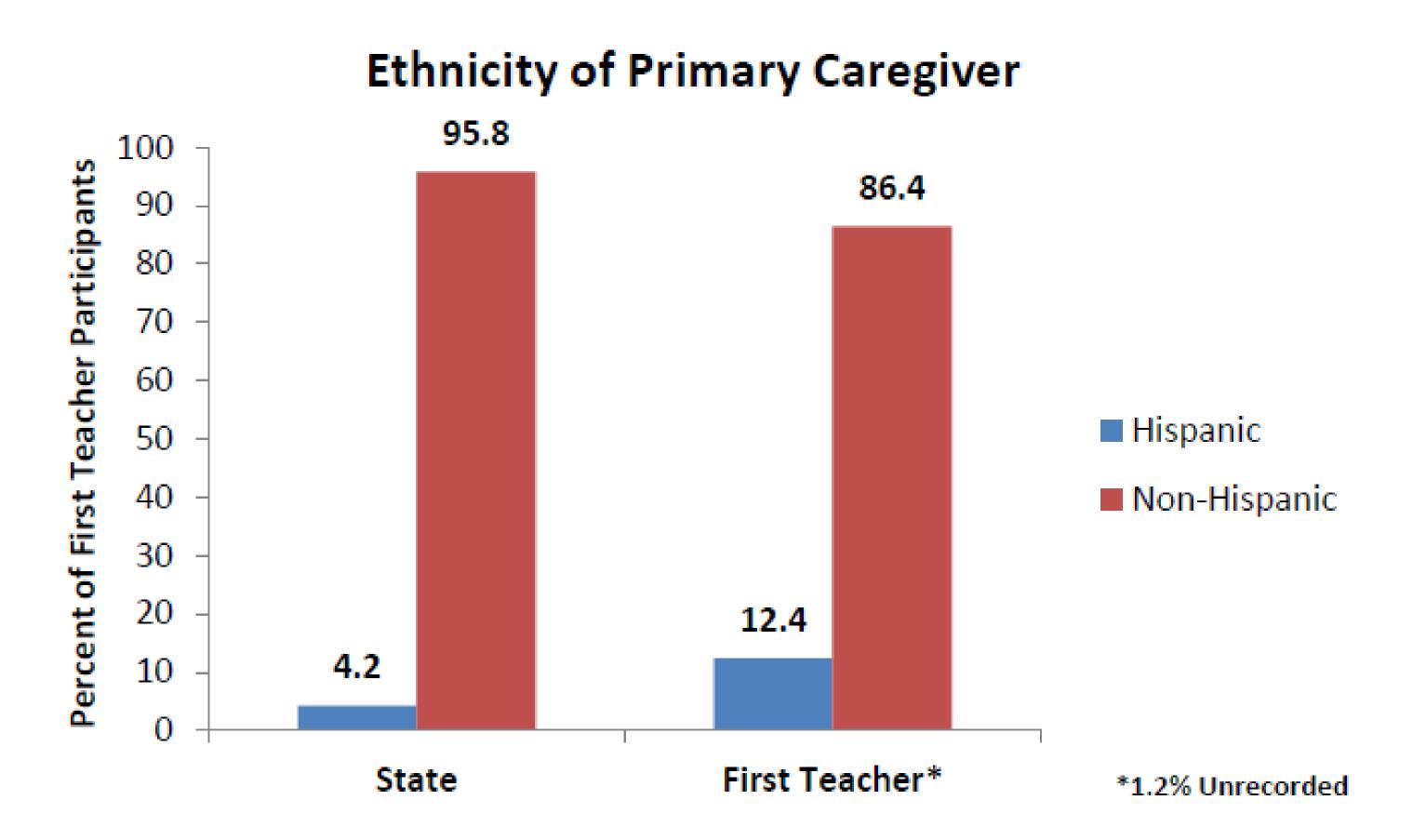
Race of Primary Caregiver Participating in Home Visiting Programs

2015-2016



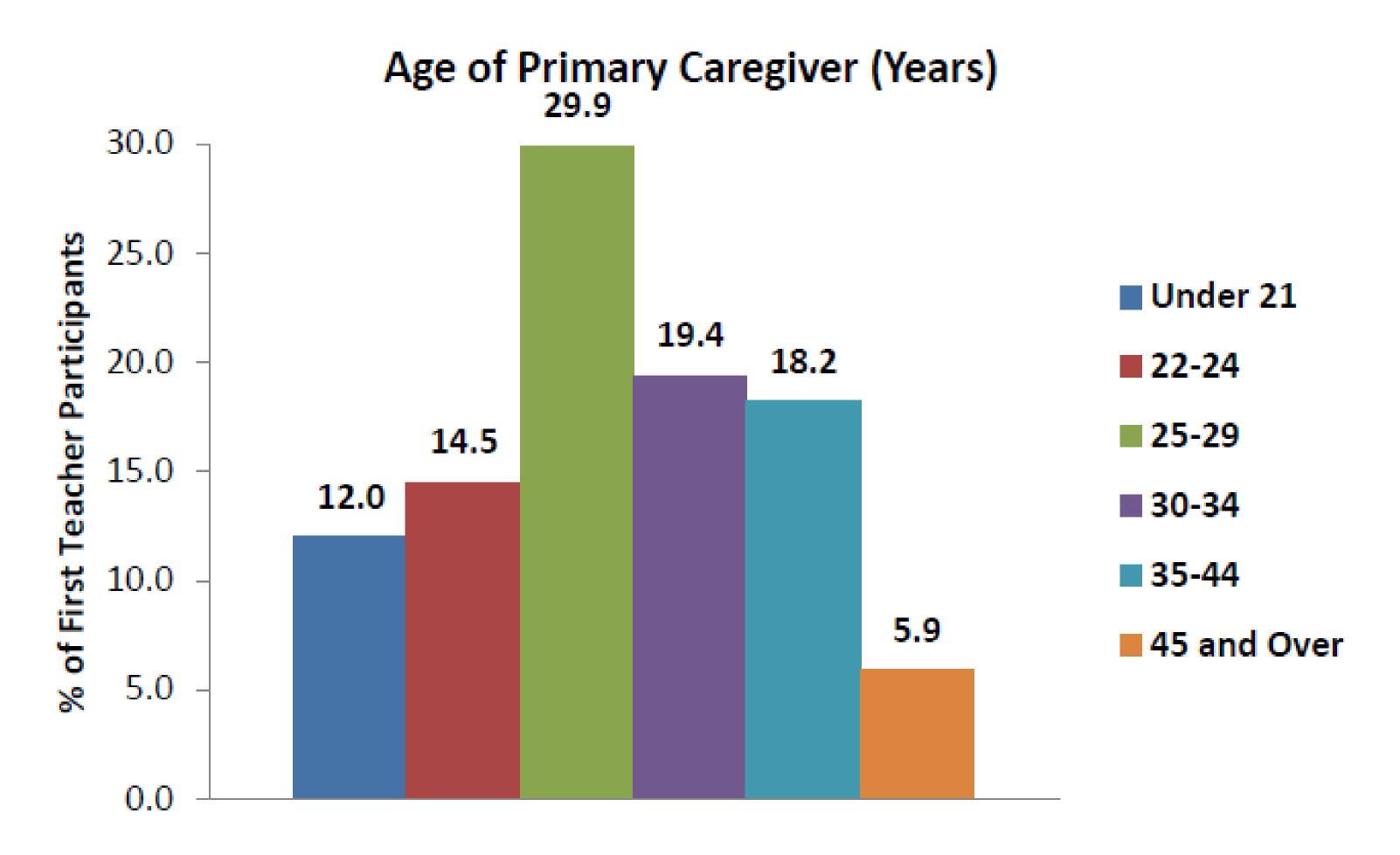
Ethnicity of Primary Caregiver Participating in Home Visiting Programs

2015-2016



Age of Primary Caregiver Participating in Home Visiting Programs

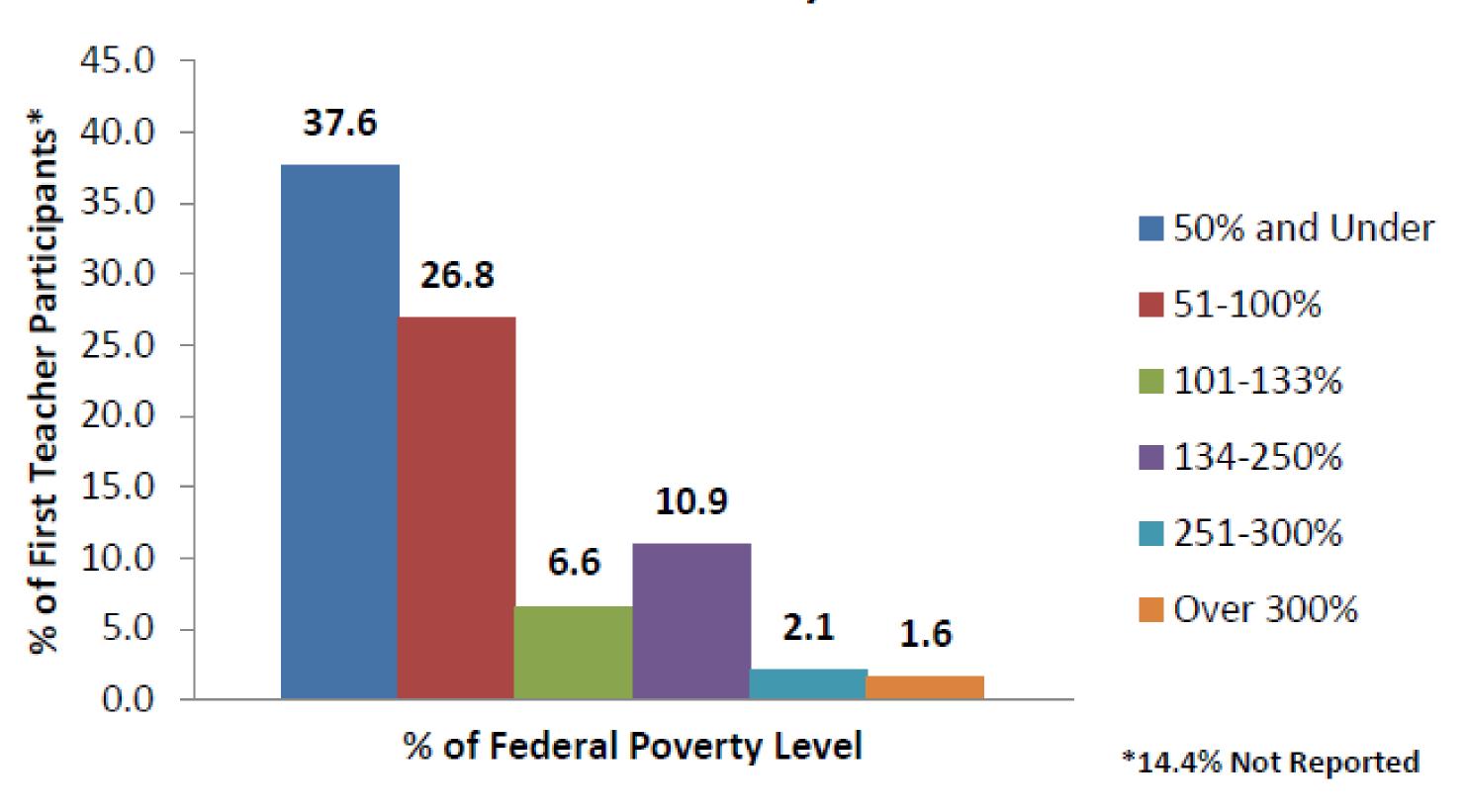
2015-2016



Income of Families Served in Home Visiting Programs

2015-2016

Federal Poverty Level

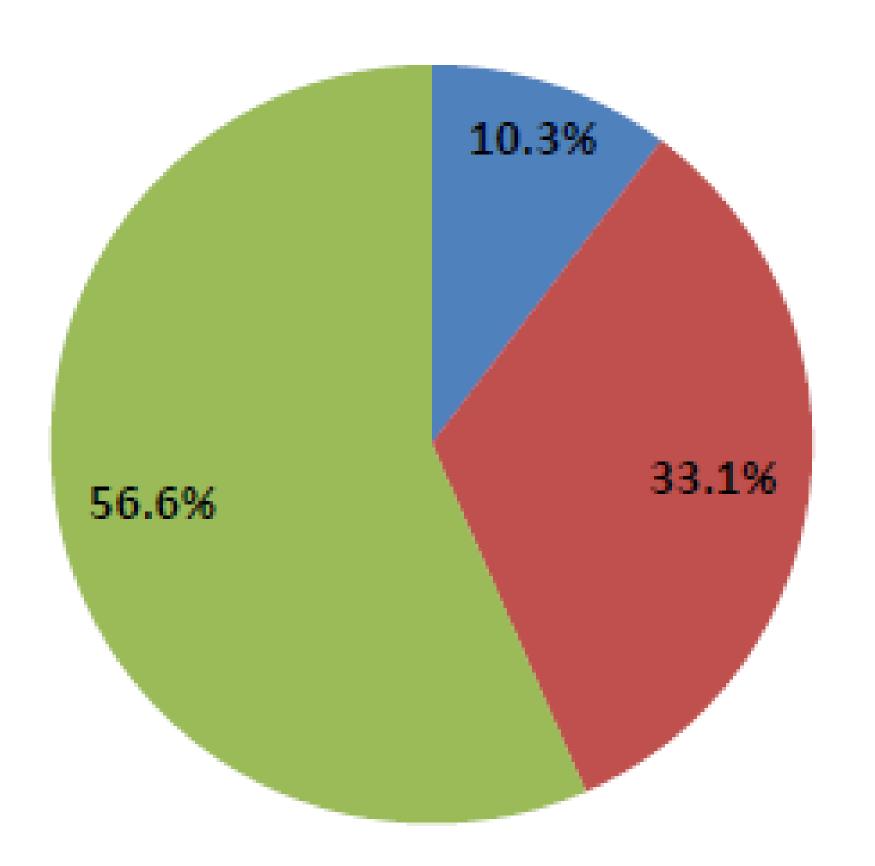


Age of Children Primarily Served in Home Visiting

2015-2016

Age of Children (Years)

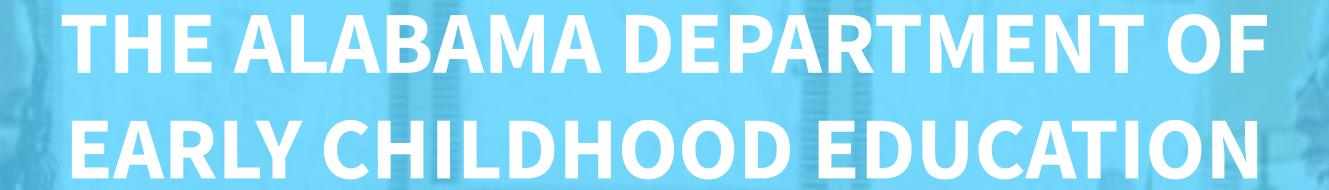
■Under 1 year of age ■1-2 ■3-5





Additional funds for First Teacher Home Visiting programs means more than just additional families and children served. It means providing high quality home visiting programs, professional development, and monitoring for quality assurance based on identified needs. This leads to wellprepared families that are strong, stable, and prepared to help their children become ready for future







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